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For: LOCK MECHANISM FOR SEAT SLIDE DEVICE AND ASSEMBLING
METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-4, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicant will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995) of method claims 5-7.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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